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LOUISVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING AND RECEIVING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS INVOLVING MINORS

-- Viewed, received and sent child pornography via the Internet

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment on August 22, 2007, against **James Tanner**, age 57, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, on charges of transporting, receiving, and possessing child pornography, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on or about December 29, 2004, Tanner transported by Internet, via computer, visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The Indictment further charges that on or about and between July 15, 2004, and March 21, 2005, Tanner received by Internet, via computer, visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and that on or about April 20, 2005, he possessed visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are not less than 5 years' and not more than 50 years' imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of any term of years up to and including life.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell and it was investigated by the Kentucky State Police.

Tanner is scheduled to appear for a detention hearing before the United States Magistrate Judge on September 10, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. , in Louisville, Kentucky.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit

www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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